St Luke's Episcopal Church

Parish Profile

2026 Church Profile
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
August 2026

Our Invitation to rector candidates

Dear Friend in Christ:

The St. Luke's Parish Family welcomes you with "Open Arms"! This is part of our mission statement, and it is what we believe. It is what we strive to do and who we strive to be. We invite you to read this profile and learn more about who we are, what we do, what we need at St. Luke's, and what we have to offer you.

We are searching for a Rector who will minister and grow with a community of faith made up of many ages, perspectives and economic backgrounds. We hope to find a priest who will meet our members where they are, all children of God with diverse personal and religious persuasions bound by a commitment to walk in the way of Jesus.

As individuals, we are in various stages of personal and spiritual development, but we believe God's love truly is celebrated and shared at St. Luke's. We express that love, as an engaged parish family striving to make a difference in our community and the world around us.

We pray our description of the people and life of our parish will stir your heart to consider if God is leading you and your personal ministry to St. Luke's. If so, we are waiting for you with open arms!

-The Vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bartlesville, OK

Who we are...

Based on our recent congregational survey, St. Luke's reflects a meaningful blend of both newer and longtime Episcopalians. More than one-third of respondents have been Episcopalians for 10 years or less, while a similar number have been Episcopalians for 50 years or more. Additionally, just under half of those surveyed have been members of St. Luke's for 10 years or less. We seek peace and solace in our worship, sacraments and music. Of those who responded to the survey, more than half attend every Sunday, while nine out of ten worship once a month or more.

We find friendship, acceptance, and love in our many parish activities of devotion and fellowship both inside and outside the church walls. On Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent, we gather at the church for a simple meal and a time of reflection. We also celebrate the feast day of St. Francis with the blessing of the animals. Our potlucks are legendary (just ask Bishop Poulson) and several times a year, some newer members known as the "Brunch Bunch" serve a fabulous brunch after the last service on Sunday. We also have intergenerational game nights, movie nights and "Trunk or Treat". There are several opportunities to come together in our homes, such as "Forks and Fellowship" and the "Christmas in the Woods" party.

In ways large and small, we give each other many reasons to believe that together we can accomplish great things through our devotion to God, each other and our community.

Love abounds at...

Luke's Place!

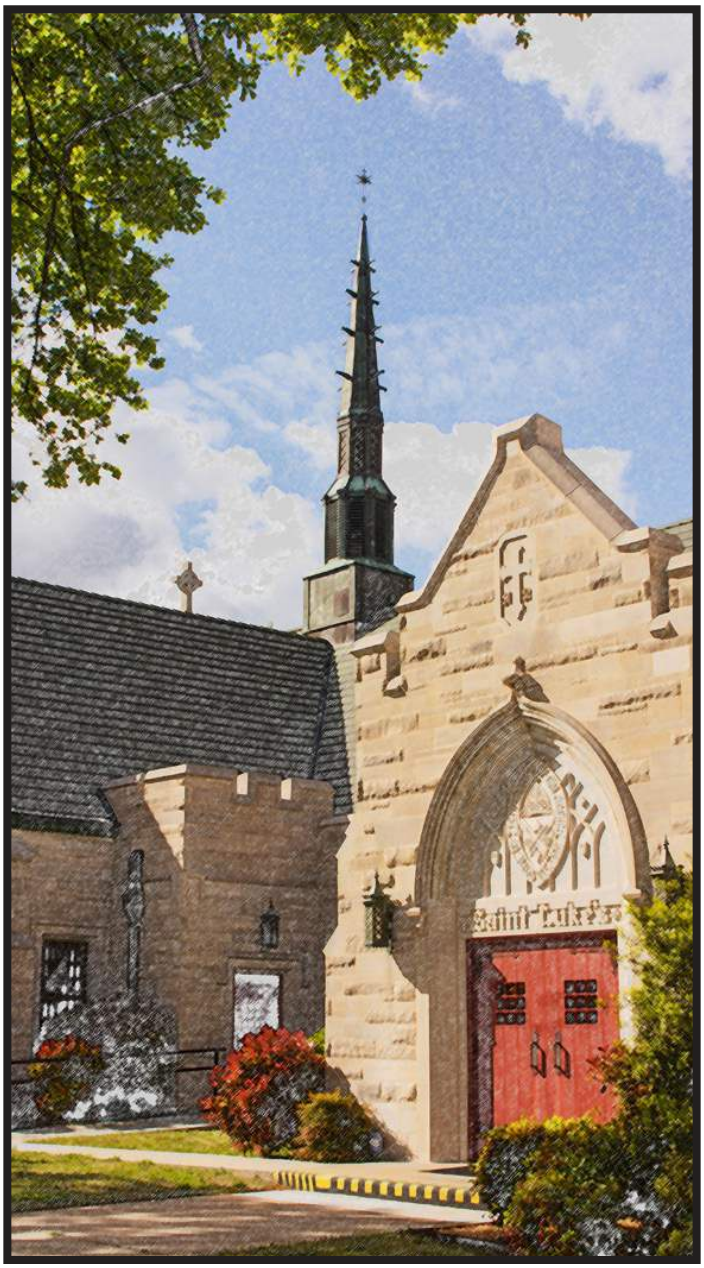
Where we are and where we want to go...

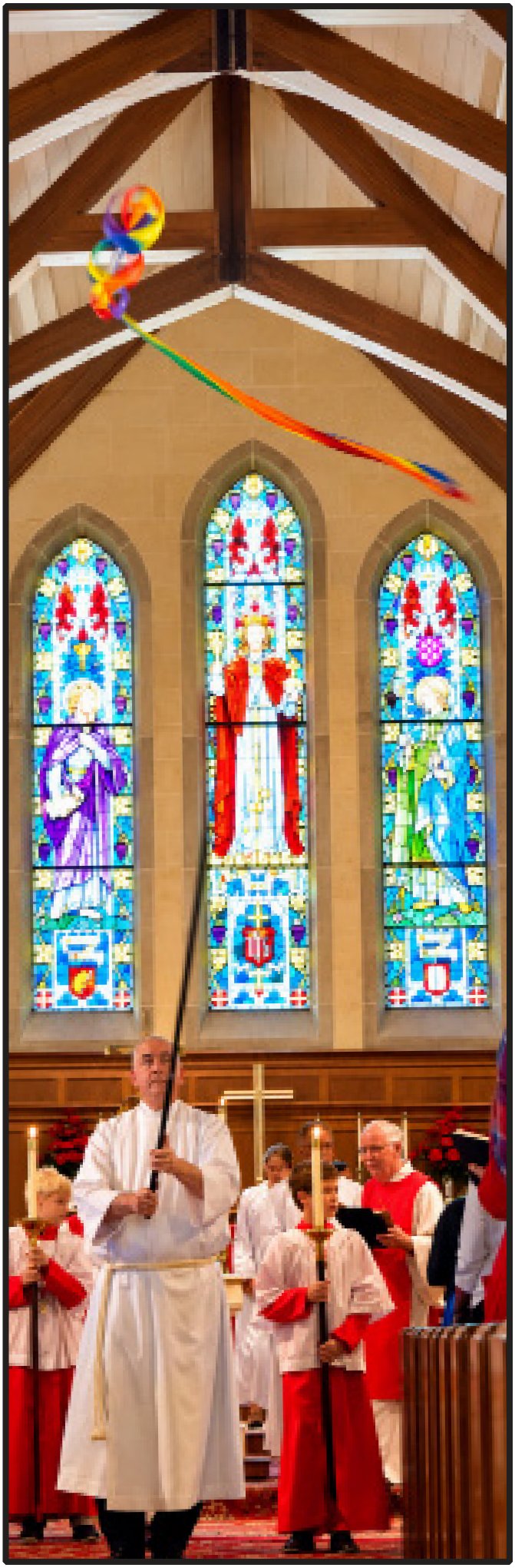
Earlier this year, our Rector announced he had been called to another ministry after serving faithfully for five years. The St. Luke's family engaged in a period of discernment through reflection and an all-parish survey. We questioned and examined ourselves about what we need, what we want, where we want to go in the coming years, and what we will offer a new rector. We invite you to spend some time prayerfully considering St. Luke's roadmap for tomorrow and beyond.

Growing our membership - St. Luke's is on one hand an active and caring church family who wants to share our joy, love and spirituality with others. On the other hand, we have a tradition of quiet evangelism in which we hope and pray others will be attracted by our example. We recognize a need to grow our parish and are eager to set a new path towards a thriving and dynamic church.

Managing our financial stability -The challenge during every stewardship campaign is to raise sufficient funds to maintain our level of service, meet facility needs and fulfill our support to the Diocese. Over the last few years, overall giving has increased from around $450,000 to about $500,000 annually and income has generally exceeded our expenses. Although some longtime parishioners have retired and relocated, new members have made contributions and many existing members have increased their pledges. In the 2026 stewardship campaign, 27 members increased their pledges, many by 10% or more and 2 began pledging for the first time. Overall, 98 member/member families are faithfully supporting the mission and ministry of St. Luke's this year.

Ministering to our aging population - With three-fourths of our members aged 55 and older, St. Luke's has addressed the challenges and opportunities of ministering to an aging population. We are being attentive and active by providing Lay Eucharistic Visitors and Pastoral Care Visitors. St. Luke's also has a parish nurse who regularly visits homebound members.





Addressing our facility needs and improvements St. Luke's building and grounds are regarded as one of Bartlesville's most beautiful and peaceful locations. Designed and built in the 1950's, the church building evokes a different time and place.

Like any 75-year-old structure, our facilities require ongoing capital improvements. We know that we must continue to invest in maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds to serve our needs for generations to come. In the last few years repairs have been made to the roof and major work was completed on the air conditioning in the newer wing of the church. Also, audio/visual capabilities went from almost nothing to cameras and new audio in the nave and Metcalf Hall. Last year saw sidewalk repair to the front of the building and replacement of practically all the heat and air system in the main church.

St. Luke's currently owns one rental property and two vacant lots on the same city block as the church building. Over the years the property has provided a source of income, however, like all older homes, the property comes with its own needs for routine maintenance and improvements. In 2025, a rental property next to our current house was sold to reduce maintenance and upkeep as well as bolster our balance sheet.

Maintaining and growing our personal ministries Our ministries in the church and community are the backbone of all that we do. We could not worship effectively without the ministries of the Altar Guild, Choir, Acolytes, Readers, Servers, and Ushers. We could not minister to each other without the Bereavement Committee, Lay Eucharistic Visitors and our Pastoral Care Team.

There is a natural, healthy tension between our need to maintain our facilities and our desire to support our in reach and outreach programs. We have and will continue to wrestle with those differing needs and priorities. Looking to the future, we are energized by the opportunity to replenish the gifts of time, talent and treasure within our parish family to continue the breadth and depth of our personal ministries.

The Rector we seek...

We seek a Rector for St. Luke's that is an energetic priest capable of moving us ever closer to our mission of keeping our arms open to God, each other and those in need. We pray for our next rector to be accepting, committed, inclusive and friendly – reaching out in word, in worship and by example to help us live our baptismal covenant.

A Celebrant

We seek a Rector that will help us find inspiration in our worship service through the grace of our sacraments, the power of Biblical texts, and thoughtful preaching and commentary. We have a deep love of our Episcopal traditions, and at the same time, we would welcome new ways to express our love of God through our worship. We appreciate – and need – enthusiasm with substance, and messages from the pulpit that stretch our spiritual commitment and expand our love to others.

A Spiritual Guide and Teacher

We seek a Rector who can teach, preach and inspire spiritually and intellectually. Many people in the parish seek a deeper relationship with God through Bible studies, spiritual discipline groups, special programs and personal reflection. We also pray for a Rector who views St. Luke's as an alternative for people who struggle with their faith and seek a place to be and grow.

An Outgoing Communicator

We seek a Rector whose message and example bridge generations – from those facing the challenges of aging to the youngest of members just awakening to the wonders of God and His creation. We look for an individual with an approachable and nurturing spirit, ready to communicate and connect on a personal level with the young and old alike, wherever they may be on their spiritual journey. Our next Rector will be a good listener, not just to the most vocal, but to those who express their viewpoints less demonstratively but with equal sincerity.

A Relationship Builder

We seek a Rector able to devote time and energy to build a greater sense of belonging and commitment among the younger families with children who are the future of St. Luke's. The Rector's presence with and guidance to the teens and young children should not be underestimated and should be seen as just as important as other outreach programs in the community or attention to older church members. If children and youth feel like they belong and are cared for at St. Luke's, their parents will likely follow them.

A Care Giver and Guide

We seek a Rector committed to support us in providing pastoral care for our members at church, home, hospital, nursing home or work – wherever there is a need. We need a Rector capable of providing pastoral counseling for individuals and families, and to help our members expand their own capabilities and confidence in taking care of one another

Advocate of Growth

We seek a Rector dedicated to the growth of the next generation while continuing to minister to the St. Luke's parish family. Areas for growth include expanded programs for Christian formation, intentional efforts to attract new members especially young families with children and expansion of financial resources to augment outreach efforts.

A Community Participant

We seek a Rector who will join with us in being visibly engaged in community causes and organizations outside the church but closely allied to the hearts of our congregation. St. Luke's members have long been active in the community, supporting civic needs and social causes. In particular, we look for a Rector that will engage with us in supporting the less fortunate, confronting societal inequities, and addressing deficiencies in public education and other issues critical to the wellbeing of children.

An Administrator & Team Leader

We seek a Rector experienced and skilled in developing and coaching the staff and lay leaders into a cooperative and effective team. In a larger sense, the Rector serves as "the captain" to the entire congregation, helping assure – through regular communications – that every member is informed and engaged in the mission and work of the church.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 13:13

Our Worship...

St. Luke's offers two Eucharistic celebrations on Sunday – a Rite I Holy Eucharist without music and a Rite II Holy Eucharist with music. We offer Christian education programs between the Sunday services. We also celebrate a Rite I Holy Eucharist at Green Country Retirement Village on Thursday.

A glance at our weekly schedule:

SUNDAY
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:15 am - Faith Forum (Teen & Adult Sunday School)
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist – Rite II (also available virtually via Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube Live)

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 am - Morning Prayer
4:00 pm - Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm – Young Disciples (Youth group grades 6-12)

THURSDAY
7:00 am - Men's Group breakfast
9:15 am - Bible Study
1:00 pm - Holy Eucharist – Rite I at Green Country Village Chapel

FEAST DAYS
12:00 pm - Holy Eucharist

Average Sunday Attendance	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
	66	75	88	85	86

Our Ministries...

St. Luke's has the following ministries for our church, similar to those found in many larger Episcopal congregations:

- Acolytes, Lay Readers, Servers and Ushers
- Adult Formation
- Altar Guild
- Audio/Visual Team
- Bereavement Committee
- Christian Education
- Young Disciples
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors
- Men's Fellowship
- Ladies Prayer Partners
- Iconography Instruction
- Tuesday Discussion Group
- Spiritual Discovery Group
- Thursday Bible Study
- Catechesis
- Vestry
- Pastoral Care Team

Some of these and other ministries are worth explaining in greater detail.

Music Ministry - Music is a vital part of the life of St. Luke's. Our 10:30 service includes both traditional as well as more contemporary hymns with a mix of organ and piano accompaniment.

The Chancel Choir, a volunteer group open to all members, provides the musical leadership for the congregation. They meet for music rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm. Several members of the choir also perform with the Bartlesville Chorale.

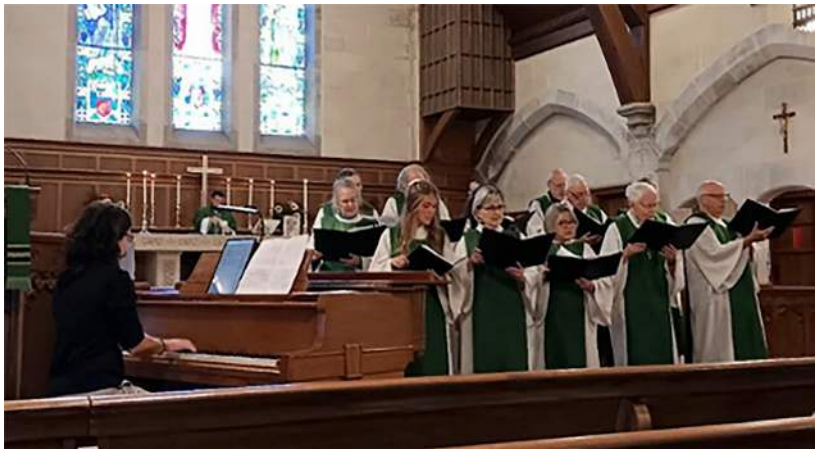
St. Luke's music director, Keeli Droege, holds a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance and is also the church's organist and choir director. She collaborates with musicians throughout the community to bring in guest instrumentalists and student musicians to perform solos and accompany the choir. Once a month, the offertory features organ and piano duets with a guest organist.

Additional Musical Programing:

- Youth Sunday music program in May
- Evening Prayer services (Holden Evening Prayer) during the Advent season on Wednesday evenings
- Christmas musical program/recital
- Host events for the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra and OKM Music

Musical Instruments:

- Allen Renaissance 370 organ
- 3+ Ocatave set of Malmark handbells
- Grand Piano in the nave and two Kawai studio pianos, one in Metcalf Hall and one in the children's music room, all regularly tuned and in good condition
- Two digital pianos
- Orff mallet instruments and percussion for children



YD
Young Disciples

Young Disciples, affectionally known as YD, is St. Luke's weekly youth ministry for students in grades 6–12 during the school year. The group gathers for fellowship, prayer, service, fun and conversation about where God is present in their lives. Most Wednesday evenings begin around a shared meal, with adults from the parish helping prepare dinner and creating another point of connection between youth, the wider church family and the Bartlesville community.

Throughout the year, YD meetings balance faith formation with service, fun and connection. Students create care packages for YD alumni now in college or serving in the military, volunteer at a local food pantry, and build community through scavenger hunts and kickball. Through Generations Connect, the group also spends time with older members of the congregation through activities such as bowling with the Men's Group, board games and bingo, creating relaxed opportunities to build relationships across generations.

The YD ministry also gives St. Luke's youth opportunities to build lasting friendships through travel and shared experiences. Recent generous financial support from a family with previous ties to the youth group ($20,000 in 2026) has helped YD dream bigger about what those experiences could be. In 2022, the group traveled to Washington, D.C., for a memorable trip that broadened their perspective and deepened their connections. Two years later, they journeyed to New York City, creating new memories and strengthening the bonds that form through time away together.

In May 2026, they continued that tradition with a five-day trip to Cathedral Ridge Episcopal Retreat near Colorado Springs. Surrounded by the foothills of the Rockies, the group played games, explored, relaxed and spent meaningful time together in a setting that encouraged both friendship and reflection. Together, these trips represent what Young Disciples does best: helping young people grow in faith, friendship and service while knowing they are supported by a parish that values and invests in them.

A Place for Youth to Belong, Serve & Grow

Cursillo & EfM - St. Luke's has been an active participant in the Oklahoma Cursillo movement. Dozens of members have participated to renew and deepen their Christian commitment and better understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders and to live out their baptismal covenant to serve Christ. Several members are graduates of the Education for Ministry (EfM), the program developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South that provides the education for participants to grow in Christian faith and to carry out their ministries

Men's Group - Meeting Thursday mornings at 6:30 in Metcalf Hall, the Men's Group has gathered for almost 20 years. Morning prayer in the chapel begins our day. Over breakfast, we discuss issues regarding our daily lives, church subjects, and current events being careful to avoid politics. We are called at times to be part of service projects in the church and extending into the community of Bartlesville.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Ladies Prayer Partners - Prayer is an integral part of our worship experience at St. Luke's. Prayer helps determine God's will for our lives, our church and our community.

Prayer for others allows us to provide spiritual support, lifting others before God, bringing them comfort, peace and strength in times of need. The Ladies Prayer Partners is a ministry comprised of individuals that provide support to members of our congregation, church leadership, our community and the world at large. The group uses the Book of Common Prayer extensively as a guide for the weekly meetings. A group chat has also been established to receive and act immediately on prayer requests between meetings.

This program has been shared with a small Episcopal church in northern Virginia. The Ladies Prayer Partners provided the church with everything they needed to begin their own group, which has proven very successful.

Thursday Bible Study - Held on Thursday mornings, this group is open to all members of St. Luke's and others from the community. We gather for bible study and prayers, to seek a deeper relationship with each other and God.

Our Mission and Outreach...

The "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" worship dismissal is taken seriously at St. Luke's. We find many ways to keep our arms open to individuals in need through personal ministries in the community and funding of local nonprofit agencies.

CONCERN - Churches United for Community CONCERN,Inc. is an ecumenical, community organization that provides aid to individuals in need. It has a food pantry that is open Monday through Thursday each week to provide perishable and non-perishable food items. It also provides financial assistance to qualifying individuals.

Mary-Martha Outreach - Mary-Martha is a ministry that offers clothing and food to families in need. It is open Monday through Thursday each week. Individuals may obtain clothing each day of the week. Once a week individuals may receive food items including perishable food and proteins.

St. Luke's Bookstore - The St. Luke's Bookstore and Gifts is a non-profit business with a mission to support the outreach efforts of St. Luke's. The Bookstore reopened in 2023 after a brief hiatus.
The store is open twice a week and after service on Sunday. We attend the Annual Conference at St. Crispin's and set-up a pop-up store. The store carries a variety of religious books, jewelry, and decor, as well as cards, stationary and gift items.
An annual Christmas Open House is our big event of the year.

Agape Mission - Agape Mission is a soup kitchen that serves meals Monday through Friday. It primarily uses volunteers to prepare and serve meals. Thirteen members of St. Luke's are among its volunteers. It also has a Food for Kids program that provides meals on Fridays to children who otherwise would go hungry over the weekend.

In addition to these specified ministries, St. Luke's participates in the Angel Christmas Tree program and donates to the Lighthouse Outreach Center. We provide free use of our facilities to the Washington County Election Board, OK Music for the Mary PoppinsTea, and the Children's Musical Theater's Character Breakfast.

Several organizations hold Board Meetings at the church. The Eagle Scout Banquet, Jane Phillips 5th grade graduation and Casa Hispana Bingo nights also occur at St. Luke's. Last year St. Luke's outreach efforts totaled $18,000.00

Pack the Backpacks

Founded in 2003 by two former St. Luke's members, Pack the Backpacks has provided nearly 51,700 school supply backpacks to students from Washington County schools. Program organizers devote most of the year to fundraisers, collecting donations of money and supplies, and buying large bulk orders. Set up in our old parish hall begins in June, and in the last few days of July spreads to the church as a whole. Scores of volunteers (included St. Luke's members) prepare approximately 2,500 backpacks filled with a customized set of school supplies to grateful students and parents. We believe this is a wonderful use of our church in service to the community.

Nearly 2,500 school backpacks provided to area children each year.

WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH

Grief has a way of isolating people. Even when surrounded by friends, family, and well-meaning words, loss can feel deeply personal and profoundly lonely. At St. Luke's, we have a quiet but meaningful ministry that offers people a place to walk through grief together. The focus is not on getting over loss but beginning to come to terms with it. Walking the Mourners Path, is led by facilitators who understand grief not only in theory, but through lived experience.

The program follows a national model offered through the Episcopal Church and unfolds over eight consecutive weeks, with participants meeting once a week for an hour and a half. Sessions take place in a room dedicated entirely to this ministry. Participants are placed in small groups of three to six people. The facilitators guide the process but do not lead the conversation, it is not their story to tell. This process is grounded, compassionate and deeply respectful of everyone's journey.

A central philosophy of Walking the Mourners Path is rejecting the idea that one must "get over" grief. Instead, it recognizes that grief has no timetable and manifests differently for everyone. While the program is faith based and invites Christ into the healing process, participants do not need to be members of St. Luke's or even belong to a church to take part. The focus is not on doctrine, but on healing, compassion, and support. The purpose of the program is not to erase pain, but to help participants find joy and love in their memories. It is about honoring what was lost while learning how to live fully again.

Here are a few comments by past participants:

For me, Walking the Mourner's Path provided a safe place and caring, compassionate leaders and participants, to begin my grieving process. It was a place that allowed everyone the space to be exactly where they are/were without judgement or "should-ing" on each other. I am eternally grateful to St. Luke's for seeing a need in our community and addressing it to the best of their ability, for the care and compassion and love expressed by our facilitators and other participants in our group.

Walking the Mourner's Path was such a meaningful experience. I was able to share my feelings and heart with a few others that understood. So blessed by the tenderness and love I felt in this small group.

Sense of Place - Our Heritage...

In the spring of 1905, six women gathered, intent on bringing the Episcopal Church to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, a small town on the threshold of becoming a thriving commercial and cultural center thanks to oil discoveries in the area. From those early intentions, St. Luke's built a parish dedicated to the worship of God and the care and service of our members, our community, the world and future generations.

While St. Luke's may be more than 120 years old, those who have been a part of our community of faith have always looked forward – to discover and develop ways they can "live into Christ" both within and outside the church. It is our heritage, our legacy and our challenge.

Three years after its start as a mission, the congregation created the first church building. The current old parish hall (Rodgers Hall) was constructed in 1950 behind the original, white frame church as the first step toward a new church building. Four years later, the old church was moved and used for other purposes, but its stained-glass windows were retained and used in the new facility - a gothic limestone structure formally dedicated in 1964. As the parish grew, members came together to plan and fund a two-story wing for classrooms, office space and a new parish hall (Metcalf Hall). The expansion, completed in 1983, also provides additional parking on the north side of the church.

Fifteen Rectors have served God faithfully at St. Luke's over its long history. Each is a reminder that a church is not merely buildings and property.

The Church of God is people – both clergy and congregation – whose ministries both within and outside the walls of St. Luke's are an extension of Christ's love for all mankind.

St. Luke's also has a well-established tradition as a proving ground for new Curates. We have been blessed to nurture the first years of new priests - launching decades-long ministries serving God.

What we offer new priests is best expressed by one of St. Luke's 15 former Curates:

"I continue to feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to grow into my new role as a priest in this loving, supportive, willing, and engaged parish.There's a sort of spiritual DNA at St. Luke's that is both comforting and challenging at the same time."

~ Mother Stephanie Jenkins, Curate 2010-12,
currently Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lawton, OK

Sense of Place - Our Facilities...

The St. Luke's building and grounds are regarded as one of Bartlesville's most beautiful and peaceful locations, full of symbolism, inside and out, all of which points to our Lord and Christ's Church. From the columbarium and memorial garden to the nave and sanctuary, St. Luke's is holy, spiritual and serene.

The Sacred Art and Architecture of St. Luke's
Upon entering the sanctuary of St. Luke's, one is immediately struck by the serene beauty of the sacred space – combining a sense of the lofty and holy with a reassuring sense of closeness and intimacy. In virtually every aspect of the architecture and furnishings, elements of our faith, spiritual history and Christian life are depicted representationally and symbolically.

Literally surrounding the worshipper at St. Luke's are a variety of beautiful stained-glass windows. Some are pictorial and others are more abstract. Through beauty, symbol, and story they enrich our understanding and experience of God's work in and through his people – teaching, reminding and ministering through artistic design and meticulous craftsmanship.

Within the church are a number of sculptures and paintings, some of which are used in acts of worship and others simply provide focal points for meditation and reflection. The Stations of the Cross, which are mounted on the walls of the nave, are creations of Arizona artist Enrique de la Vega. These modern representations of the ancient tableaux of events surrounding Christ's crucifixion become a focus point for prayer and meditation during Holy Week.

We believe that our art, architecture, craftsmanship and music serve to amplify the message of Christ in ways that connect us through time and space to a new richness of experience and understanding.

Sense of Place - Our Diocese...

Since 1837, the Episcopal Church in Oklahoma has attracted mission-minded clergy to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to build up the Body of Christ. Clergy called to serve in Oklahoma will be encouraged by Bishop Poulson Reed's vision for congregational vitality, our strong collegiality, and the spiritual and financial health of our Diocese. We are committed to our clergy and to our congregations. Through offerings such as Clergy Retreat, Vestry Academy, Faithful Innovation, Vitality Grants, and assistance from our diocesan staff, our clergy are connected, supported, and strengthened in their leadership. St. Crispin's Conference Center and Camp is the beautiful center of much of our diocesan life. It is home to our Summer Camp for children and youth and the Iona School for Formation, while also hosting our Diocesan Convention, various clergy retreats, and lay leadership events.

At the heart of our Diocese are our 65 congregations. In communities across Oklahoma, small and large, rural and urban, led by full-time or part-time clergy and dedicated lay leaders, Episcopalians gather to worship, form disciples of Jesus of all ages, and love and serve our neighbors. Our calling in congregations is to open ourselves to God's blessing and purpose for us through spiritual practices. The primary calling of our Bishop and Diocesan Staff is to be in partnership with our congregations in order to offer resources and encouragement for greater vitality by God's grace. Our mission priorities as a Diocese are Vital Congregations, Steadfast Prayer, and Courageous Witness. Learn more about our Diocese by visiting www.epiok.org.

Sense of Place - Our Community...

Bartlesville Oklahoma...where newcomers feel at home

Nestled in Green Country near the Osage Hills, Bartlesville is a welcoming northeastern Oklahoma community with deep roots in the American West and the oil industry. Its museums, architecture, arts organizations and civic traditions give the city a distinctive sense of place and offer many ways for newcomers to feel at home.

Bartlesville combines the ease of small-city living with access to Tulsa, about 45 minutes to the south. Home to more than 36,000 people, the community has a diverse employment base that includes energy and energy-related companies, technology, IT, engineering, manufacturing, education and medical services.

Housing options range from downtown lofts and apartments to single-family homes in neighborhoods throughout Bartlesville and the surrounding area, giving individuals and families a variety of ways to settle into the community.

For families, Bartlesville offers strong schools, accessible higher education and many opportunities for children and youth to grow. The Bartlesville Public School District, regarded as one of the state's most progressive districts in technology and agricultural education, serves students from pre-K through 12th grade. Older students can continue their education at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Rogers State University or Tri County Technology Center. Bartlesville is also home to Paths to Independence, a nonprofit private school for students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders.

Children and youth also have many ways to connect through organized sports, including soccer, football, volleyball, wrestling and baseball, as well as nationally recognized Phillips 66 swimming and gymnastics teams. Bill Doenges Memorial Park Stadium reflects Bartlesville's long baseball tradition, from its professional minor league past to today's American Legion program.

Life in Bartlesville offers a rich mix of recreation, culture and family-friendly activities. Residents enjoy parks and trails, festivals, concerts, theater, children's musical theater and ballet. Nearby Woolaroc, a 3,700-acre wildlife preserve with a world-class Native American museum, is a treasured regional destination, and families have long enjoyed Kiddie Park, a beloved children's amusement park where generations have made memories since the 1940s. Downtown Bartlesville continues to grow with restaurants, restored architecture, a popular farmers market and Unity Square, an arts and entertainment venue on the campus of Frank Lloyd Wright's landmark Price Tower.

This blend of history, education, recreation, culture and neighborly connection helps shape the life of St. Luke's and the people who call Bartlesville home. Newcomers are often surprised by the depth of the community they find here — the beauty of the setting, the richness of its civic and cultural life, and the ease with which people begin to feel known and connected.

St. Luke's Resources - Our Financial Wellbeing

St. Luke's Income Budget	2026 Budget	2025 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2023 Actuals
Regular Pledges	417,320	419,213	413,385	361,548
Non-Pledge Payments	81,485	62,407	67,411	84,580
Other Income	7,800	18,880	6,440	10,872
TOTAL INCOME	**506,605**	**500,499**	**487,238**	**457,000**

St. Luke's Expense Budget	Budget	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals
Mutual Ministry Support	75,991	75,075	73,086	68,550
Personnel	274,246	256,789	245,510	210,183
Major Maintenance	19,202	28,140	18,130	16,582
Insurance (Property & Workman's Comp.)	54,188	48,930	47,436	40,748
Facilities & Upkeep	50,404	44,229	45,053	45,250
Administrative	28,005	27,146	27,152	23,246
Youth Education	1,700	590	5,892	3,388
Ministry Support	8,830	7,882	8,625	14,428
TOTAL EXPENSES**	**512,566**	**488,781**	**470,884**	**422,375**

During the period shown investment income, rental income and sale of one rental property have helped bolster the church's financial condition. As of June 30, 2026, the total of the church's cash and investment accounts was around $805,400. The church owns one rental property and two lots adjacent to our property. The church is debt free.

St. Luke's Staff
Rector – full-time
Office Manager/Assistant to Rector – full-time
Sexton – full-time
Choir Director and Organist – part-time
Church Treasurer - Volunteer

Our Clergy & Staff

Clergy Leadership

The Rev. Jeff Birk, Deacon

Originally from the Land of Oz, Jeff and his wife Laura have lived in Bartlesville since 1977, and not long after they became members of St. Luke's.
Jeff completed Diaconal formation through the Iona School of Ministry and was ordained to Holy Orders in 2026.
Jeff is very thankful to have been assigned to St. Luke's, where he and Laura have worshiped for many years. As Deacon, Jeff looks forward to continued service within St. Luke's, the community, and beyond.

Staff

Administrative Assistant, Penny Williams

Penny Williams, a longtime congregant of St. Luke's and a recent vestry member, became our church secretary at the beginning of 2022, following her retirement from the City of Bartlesville's municipal court. Given her long association with St. Luke's, Penny is a wonderful resource on what's going on within our church community.

Music Director, Keeli Doege

Keeli Droege became the music director of St. Luke's in August 2023, serving as the organist and choir director. Keeli is a classically trained pianist who holds a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Northern Colorado. Keeli lovingly shares her many talents with St. Luke's and has brought more youth into St. Luke's to share their talents as well.

Sexton, Courtney Leach

Courtney is a beloved part of the St. Luke's family, joining the staff after spending many years as head custodian for Central Middle School. She is an experienced caretaker and we lovingly refer to her as our KOSO (Keeper Of Sacred Objects). In this capacity, Courtney is directly involved in all aspects of caring for the church facility, inside and out.

Church Treasurer, Dennis Mueggenborg (Volunteer)

Dennis is a longtime member of St. Luke's and a retired CPA. In 2015, he retired from ConocoPhillips after a 40 year career. Since 2016, he has graciously filled his free time by serving as a volunteer treasurer. Dennis is always willing to serve in many other ways at St. Luke's and you can often find him, fixing the AC, building things needed and being an enormous blessing to us all.

What We Offer Our Next Rector

- An accepting, committed, inclusive and friendly parish with open arms to God, each other and those in need.
- An engaged parish family of many ages, points of view and economic backgrounds in various stages of personal and spiritual development.
- A parish full of members who are active in ministries in the church and in our community.
- A church facility regarded as one of Bartlesville's most beautiful and inspiring locations.
- A solid financial base upon which to grow membership, expand services and maintain facilities.
- A lay leadership prepared to work with the Rector as a partner in the administration and leadership of St. Luke's. Due to the committed work of our lay leadership and congregation, not a single ministry has ceased since the previous Rector's departure.
- Dedicated staff and volunteers that take care of the day-to-day operations of the church

How We Ask Our Next Rector To Lead

- Maintaining and strengthening the current congregation.
- Demonstrating creative leadership that honors St. Luke's past while moving the congregation toward a promising future.
- Developing more attentive, compassionate and creative ways to provide care and services for our aging members.
- Growing the financial resources, expanding programs, and attracting new members, especially young families with children.
- Assessing and revising as necessary worship and fellowship approaches to most effectively engage and retain all members.

St. Luke's is a community of faith always looking forward, striving to make St. Luke's better today and tomorrow. It is our legacy and our challenge. If this is where the Holy Spirit leads you, we pray you feel called to serve St. Luke's parish family. If so, we will be waiting with our...

Open Arms!

- St. Luke's Vestry

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit the following materials (electronic submission preferred)

- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- A copy of your updated OTM profile
- A “Letter of Interest” that highlights why you believe you may be called to serve as Rector of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Bartlesville, OK.

Send to:

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